

DOMESTIC SCANDALS

THREAT OF MULHALL

Lobbyist Hints at Record of Undignified Excursions by Representatives.

RETRACTS WATSON CHARGE

Indiana Man Not Member of Congress When Accelerator, He Now Says—Tells of Blacklist.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, July 22.—Martin M. Mulhall in his testimony this afternoon before the Senate investigating committee made what was interpreted as an attempt to intimidate the members of the House lobby committee when he asserted that he had "some startling testimony" he would give if the Representatives were embarrassingly inquisitive about his expense accounts.

Senator Overman, chairman of the Senate committee, thought this statement so important that he called it to the attention of Chairman Garrett of the House investigating committee.

Mulhall has permitted rumors to get out that he has kept the dates and a detailed record of Representatives who accompanied him on excursions not entirely in keeping with the dignity of members. While it has not been stated that Mulhall could uncover another "House of Miracles" he nevertheless has been intimating that he is ready to give testimony something along the same lines which might involve certain members of Congress in serious domestic difficulties if they tried too closely into his accounts.

Mulhall, against whom threats of indictment for perjury have been made, told the Senate investigating committee he was "mistaken" in his testimony that James E. Watson was a member of Congress when he accepted a retainer and a weekly stipend from the National Association of Manufacturers to accelerate a tariff commission bill. He asked permission to correct his testimony, saying Mr. Watson was no longer in the House when employed by the manufacturers.

The witness did not change his testimony concerning Mr. Watson until it had been discovered through the reading of a letter that he and James A. Enright, of the National Association of Manufacturers, had not talked to the former Representative about a tariff commission bill until about the middle of March, 1909, when Mr. Watson was no longer a member of the House.

Watson Was "Dear James."

Mulhall's letters that were read today related chiefly to his work in settling the shoe strike at Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1909, by the payment, he said, of \$100 to one of the leaders. There were also a number of epistles between him and Mr. Watson, these showing that he was on friendly terms with the Indiana man after he had ceased to be a member of the House. Mulhall's usual address being "My dear James."

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MRS. PRALL GAINS LIBERTY

Widow of Former New Yorker Pronounced Sane.

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Washington, July 22.—After a four-day hearing in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia Mrs. Elizabeth C. Prall, widow of William E. Prall, Jr., formerly of New York, was declared sane today. There was a mild demonstration when the jury returned its verdict.

Mrs. Prall was arrested June 20, and a few days later was sent to the Government Hospital for the Insane. It was alleged she had threatened the lives of Justices Wright and Anderson, of the District Supreme Court, because of adverse rulings in litigation over a \$300,000 estate for which she has been fighting for ten years.

Three New York men aided Mrs. Prall at the hearing. One was her cousin, the Rev. James A. McGuire, pastor of the Bethany Congregational Church, and the others were Clifford C. Roberts, an attorney, and Dr. H. R. Humphries, a well known alienist.

HUNT FOR CAHILL'S SLAYER

Police Round Up "Pigtown" Italians—Two Held.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

James Sarll, twenty-three years old, a watchman employed by W. E. Hallock & Co., contractors, was arrested yesterday in a shanty at Kensington avenue and Lincoln Road, Flatbush, by the police in their search for the slayers of Patrolman John E. Cahill, who was found dead early Monday morning in the yard of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church. Five other Italians, rounded up in the section known as "Pigtown" early in the morning, were released later, all being able to prove alibis.

The detectives found a coat hanging on the wall of the shanty occupied by Sarll, in the pocket of which was a pearl-handled revolver, freshly oiled and fully loaded, which Sarll acknowledged belonged to him. He also said that 100 ball cartridges found in the shanty were his. He refused to say anything regarding his whereabouts on the morning of the killing, and when arraigned before Magistrate Dodd in the Gates avenue police court he was held in \$2,500 bail for examination this morning on a charge of violating the Sullivan law.

Captain Thompson, who has been working on the case, is desirous of finding an Italian known in the "Pigtown" district as "Yaller," who, it is believed, may know something about the killing of Cahill.

A negro settlement in Atlantic avenue, near Utica avenue, known as "Chicago Row," is believed by some of the detectives to have furnished the men who committed the crime, as Cahill was instrumental in having several of the houses in this row raided as being disorderly.

Watching an Italian hiding in a clump of trees in Prospect Park for an hour, Detectives Coutant, Dittman and Celsier, of the Parkville station, saw the man take a revolver from his pocket. When placed under arrest, the man, Rocco Di Cenzo, a laborer, of No. 104 2d street, Brooklyn, was searched, and in addition to the revolver, a stiletto and a "billy" were found in his possession. He was held for carrying concealed weapons, and will be arraigned this morning in the Flatbush police court, where the detectives expect to learn something to implicate him in the murder of the policeman.

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RIVAL CURRENCY BILL

SUBMITTED TO WILSON

Henry, of Texas, Takes Substitute Measure to White House to Explain.

PUJO IDEAS INCORPORATED

Likely To Be Offered This Week Unless President Succeeds in Soothing Recalcitrants.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, July 22.—With insurgent members preparing a substitute bill and serving notice of further attempts to amend the Glass-Owen plan, the unsatisfactory status of the administration currency measure was not remedied at the conference of Democratic members of the House Banking and Currency Committee today. The "conservatives" bowed over various amendments to-day offered by the insurgents Ragsdale, Eagle, Wingo and Korbly, making slight progress on the bill itself.

Chairman Glass said to-day the consideration of the bill was "almost completed," but he declined to predict that the measure would come from conference this week.

Unless the insurgent members are called off by the President, this substitute measure will be offered as the Democratic conference nears an end late this week. It will represent in large degree the currency views of Mr. Henry, of Texas, chairman of the Rules Committee, who has trained with the insurgents on the Banking and Currency Committee.

Representative Henry, of Texas, known as leader of the Bryan element in the House, called on President Wilson at the White House to-day and presented the changes proposed in the substitute. The President did not go over the amendments in detail, but it is understood that he will review them, and later will confer with Representative Henry and those members of the committee who have manifested opposition to the Glass measure.

President Wilson is not ignorant of the situation in the House committee, and there is reason to believe that he will step in eventually and attempt to bring the recalcitrants into line. Just now, however, they are outside the Glass reserve.

The amendments defeated at the conference to-day furnish an index to the divergent views in the committee. Mr. Korbly, for instance, wanted to "refuse to pay out the last cent of its reserve before closing a bank's doors." Mr. Korbly also wanted to impose a 2 per cent tax on federal Treasury notes held by state banks and trust companies.

Mr. Ragsdale suggested that cotton warehouse receipts should be used as collateral for emergency currency issues by the federal reserve banks. He was defeated, 3 to 4.

Mr. Wingo served notice that he would offer later an amendment "to establish a voluntary insurance deposit scheme" for national banks.

Mr. Eagle served notice that he would offer an amendment providing that when a member bank suspended payment the Treasury should rush to its relief with an amount of money sufficient to cover the difference between the amount of lawful money held by the bank and the amount due depositors. The Texas doubtless will work out a system whereby the Treasury will be reimbursed for its aid to such institutions.

Some members of the committee contend that other clauses in the bill should Congress "never dreamed" the rates and sizes agreed on by them should be lowered so quickly after the law was put into operation. They point to the creation of a joint committee to inquire into the subject of a general parcel post, not only as evidence that Congress intended the rates should stand while the committee was at work, but that Congress believed it was the power to change the rates and sizes.

LACK AWE FOR HARBURGER

Young Men Take Autos Attached by Sheriff's Deputies.

Lost, a pair of automobiles. Any one finding same will please return them to Sheriff Julius Harburger and give a strict account of how he came by them.

The cars were in charge of a caretaker early yesterday morning in the garage of the St. Nicholas Athletic Club, in West 66th street, having been seized on a judgment of \$1,000 obtained by the Motor Finance Company against "Dick" Curley, well known in fighting circles.

Suddenly, according to the two deputies who made the attachment, a gang of young men rushed into the garage, pummeled the caretaker into submission and whizzed away in the cars, while the Sheriff's deputies telephoned vainly for help.

Held in Insurance Swindle

Cloak Manufacturer Tried, It Is Said, to Get Paid for Lost Gems.

Meyer Meckelwitz,